

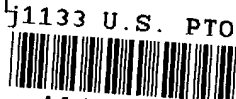
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty. Dkt.: 3691-356

Date: December 6, 2001

Sir:



Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: VEERASAMY et al.

Entitled: METHOD OF ION BEAM MILLING A GLASS SUBSTRATE  
PRIOR TO DEPOSITING A COATING SYSTEM THEREON, AND  
CORRESPONDING SYSTEM FOR CARRYING OUT THE SAME

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
64 pages of specification and claims (including 38 numbered claims), and  
15 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.  
☒ Attached is a Power of Attorney (**copy from prior appln.**).  
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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- ☐ , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..  
☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☒ continuation of Application No. 09/703,709, filed November 2, 2000, which is a CIP of 09/657,132, filed September 7, 2000, which is a CIP of 09/627,441, filed July 28, 2000, and a CIP of 09/617,815, filed July 17, 2000, and a CIP of 09/303,548, filed May 3, 1999, and a CIP of 09/442,805, filed November 18, 1999, and a CIP of 09/583,862, filed June 1, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
☒ The prior application is assigned to Guardian Industries Corp..  
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.  
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.  
☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:  
**Cancel claims 1-38 and add new claims 39-41.**  
☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and Reference; ☐ Other:

**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee				\$	740.00
Total effective claims	3	- 20 (at least 20) =	0	x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims	1	- 3 (at least 3) =	0	x \$ 84.00	\$ 0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)				\$	0.00
				<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 740.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract				-\$	(0.00)
				<b>SECOND SUBTOTAL</b>	\$ 740.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)				\$	0.00
				<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>	\$ 740.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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